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Calendar

Monday, August 4

- SCAVMA Pet food sale at SCAVMA store, 12:00-12:45

Tuesday, August 5

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

Wednesday, August 6

- Necropsy Rounds, M122, 8:30-9:30

Thursday, August 7

- Presentation by the Candidate for Small Animal Internal Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences: "The effects of glucocorticoids on aldosterone and electrolyte levels," presented by Anne Marie Corrigan, DVM, MS. All are encouraged to attend. M102, 12:00-1:00

Friday, August 8

- Cytology Rounds, M229, 8:00-9:00

Monday, August 11

- SCAVMA Pet food sale at SCAVMA store, 12:00-12:45

Tuesday, August 12

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

Wednesday, August 13

- Necropsy Rounds, M122, 8:30-9:30

Thursday, August 14

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

Friday, August 15

- Cytology Rounds, M229, 8:00-9:00



Dr. Villarroel visits World Congress in Budapest, Hungary

The XXV World Congress of Buiatrics, the largest venue dedicated to veterinary medicine for cattle, was held in Budapest, Hungary, on July 6-11. There were concurrent presentations in six halls, a section dedicated to poster viewing, and an exhibitor section that always had something interesting going on. Total attendance from 72 countries was 2,355 veterinarians and 199 students.

There were 408 oral presentations and 823 posters presented at this event; of those, our own Dr. Aurora Villarroel had two oral presentations and two posters.

Poster titles were: "Comparison of Antimicrobial Resistance Patterns of *Salmonella* spp. and *E. coli* obtained using the same Fecal Samples," and "Factors Associated with Isolation of Antimicrobial Resistant *Salmonella* spp. and *E. coli* from Dairy Cattle."

Titles of the oral presentations were: "Parturition Induction in Dairy Cattle to Decrease Losses in Reproductive Performance due to Potentially Large Calves," and "Longitudinal Study on Antimicrobial Resistance Patterns of *Salmonella* spp. and *E. coli* Obtained from Dairy Cattle."

All her presentations, especially the oral ones, were well received by the attending practitioners from around the world. In fact, they prompted invitations for Dr. Villarroel to speak at events and collaborate with practitioners in Germany, Spain and Israel.

The objective of the association is to improve the competition of the bovine practitioner in the field by contributing to a high standard level of basic veterinary education provided by competent scientists; specializing not only in bovine medicine but also in all aspects related to bovine production, i.e., nutrition, genetic, reproduction, and biotechnology.

New pathology residents

With the new pathology residency program, the College of Veterinary Medicine adds one new face and a familiar face from our most recent graduating class. As part of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, we now have an Anatomic Pathology Resident, Dr. Susan Piripi, and a Clinical Pathology Resident, Dr. Johanna Rigas.

Dr. Piripi comes to us from New Zealand where she earned her BVSc and a PhD in veterinary pathology from Massey University. She's been here for two weeks; so far Oregon has treated her well. She says the people here are friendly and helpful and the summer weather is a treat after barely making her flight to this country due to the massive flooding and mud slides that New Zealand has been having this winter.

Dr. Rigas recently graduated with her DVM from our College's Class of 2008, holding a Master's degree in Biology from Portland State University as well. She came from Minnesota and is glad to be away from the freezing winter and hot muggy summers.

Both residents say their interest in pathology comes from their curiosity to know the "rest of the story." They like the additional diagnostics and find physiology incredibly interesting.



New pathology residents, Drs. Rigas (left) and Piripi (right).

Publications

In the summer 2008 edition of *The Messenger*, published by Oregon State University Libraries, two Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine faculty are mentioned along with other OSU authors for works copyrighted in 2007:

From the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Drs. Linda Blythe and Morrie Craig published the second edition of their book *Care of the Racing and Retired Greyhound*.

New board member for National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

The National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners held their semiannual board meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada last weekend. Election of officers for the Executive Board resulted in Dr. Linda Blythe being voted into the Chair-elect position. This will be a three-year commitment as she moves through the chairs.

The Executive Board consists of four members who are the determinants of the passing scores for the NAVLE and the basic science test, which is the Qualifying Examination (QE) given to foreign graduates. The Executive Board also investigates copyright infringement relative to NAVLE questions. Students are strongly advised not to share information on the questions they will see in the November-December testing cycle as this could lead to invalidation of one's score and having to repeat the test, as well as a substantial fine. For additional information, check out the NBVME web site at www.NBVME.org

